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SUBJECT: TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE-GROUP ON TROPICAL
PRODUCTS

1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS TODAY DISTRIBUTED NOTE ON TNC TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP, ZTROPICAL PRODUCTS--CONSIDERATION OF TECHNICAL WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS", MTN/3F/1. DOCUMENT ANNEXES SAME RPT. SAME LIST OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS AS HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN SECRETARIATS BACKGROUND NOTE SGTP/26 PREPARED FOR COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT. IT NOTES THAT "THIS LIST DID NOT HAVE A BINDING EFFECT AS TO THE DEFINITION OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS."

2. DOCUMENT SECTION ON PROGRAM OF WORK STATES FOLLOWING:

"AS INDICATED ABOVE, THE DATA AVAILABLE IN THE SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTS WERE COMPILED, INTER ALIA, WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING TRADE IN RESPECT OF WHICH BARRIERS TO ENTRY CONTINUE TO EXIST AND ASSESSING THE TRADE SITUATION OF DIFFERENT SUPPLIERS. IT HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES IN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK THAT THE STUDIES SHOULD TAKE

ACCOUNT OF FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCE TRADE IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS
SUCH AS SUPPLY, DEMAND, PRICES AND THE LEVEL OF THE EXPORT
RECEIPTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNEXION, THE
FOLLOWING POINTS MIGHT BE NOTED:

(I) THE COMMERCIAL POLICY DATA CONTAINED IN COM.TD/W/189 AND
COM/TD/W/205 MIGHT NEED TO BE REVIEWED WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING
AND UPDATING THE MATERIAL AND INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONAL NON-TARIFF
MEASURES WHICH DELEGATIONS MAY BE IN A POSITION TO NOTIFY.

(II) CERTAIN DATA ON EXPORT RECEIPTS ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE IN THE
TWO DOCUMENTS. THE MATERIAL ON PROJECTIONS TO 1980 RELATING TO
PRODUCTION, DEMAND AND TRADE (COM.TD/W/189/ADD.1) AND INFOR-
MATION OF EFFECTIVE PROTECTION AND INTERNAL TAXES (COM.TD/W/189/
ADD.2) WAS PREPARED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WORK IN OTHER INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IF IT WERE FOUND USEFUL, ADDITIONAL
DATA RELATING TO PRODUCTION, STOCK CHANGES AND PRICES FOR THE PER-
IOD COULD BE COLLECTED.

(III) THE DATA IN THE DOCUMENTATION RELATE TO A SELECTED LIST OF
ITEMS CONTAINED IN CHAPTERS 1-24 OF THE BTN. IF FURTHER
INFORMATION IS NEEDED, IT WILL HAVE TO BE SEPARATELY COMPILED."

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